

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 42 C.F.R. § 447.205, the Georgia Department of Community Health is required to give public notice of any significant proposed change in its methods and standards for setting payment rates for services.

### NURSING FACILITY SERVICES

Pending CMS approval and effective for services provided on or after July 1, 2014 and subject to payment at fee for service rates, the Department is proposing to modify the payment for nursing facility services as follows:

- The 2012 cost report, using the reporting format and underlying instructions established by the Department, will be used to determine a nursing facility's allowable cost that will be the basis for computing a rate.
- The 2012 RSMMeans cost per square foot value will be used to determine a nursing facility's fair rental value rate component.

These changes are estimated to increase nursing facility expenditures for SFY 2015 as follows:

Program	Totals Funds	State Funds
Aged, Blind, and Disabled	<b>\$40,733,479</b>	<b>\$13,568,322</b>

This public notice is available for review at each county Department of Family and Children Services office. An opportunity for public comment will be held on **May 13, 2014** at **10:30AM** at the Department of Community Health (2 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303) in the 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Board Room. Individuals who are disabled and need assistance to participate during this meeting should call (404) 656-4479. Citizens wishing to comment in writing on any of the proposed changes should do so on or before **May 20, 2014** to the Board of Community Health, Post Office Box 1966, Atlanta, Georgia 30301.

Comments submitted will be available for review by the public at the Department of Community Health, Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., in Room 4074, 2 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303. Comments from written and public testimony will be provided to the Board of Community Health prior to the **June 12, 2014** Board meeting. The Board will vote on the proposed changes at the Board meeting to be held at 10:30 a.m. at the Department of Community Health (2 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303) in the 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Board Room.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THIS 8<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY 2014**  
**Clyde Reese, Commissioner**